

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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13 SEPTEMBER 1962  
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Venus Probe

We are still not certain whether or not the Soviets succeeded in injecting the probe vehicle they launched yesterday into a trajectory toward Venus. [REDACTED]

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2. Cuba

a. There has been no abatement in the Soviet buildup. Our tally of the number of voyages by Russian dry cargo vessels to Cuba since the end of July has reached the 80 mark, and is rising steadily. [REDACTED]

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c. Spokesmen for the Alpha-66 exile group in Miami and Puerto Rico announced yesterday that plans for more raids against Cuba are well advanced. They have christened the next one "Operation Miami," allegedly in honor of local supporters.

3. USSR-Satellites

[redacted] East German [redacted]

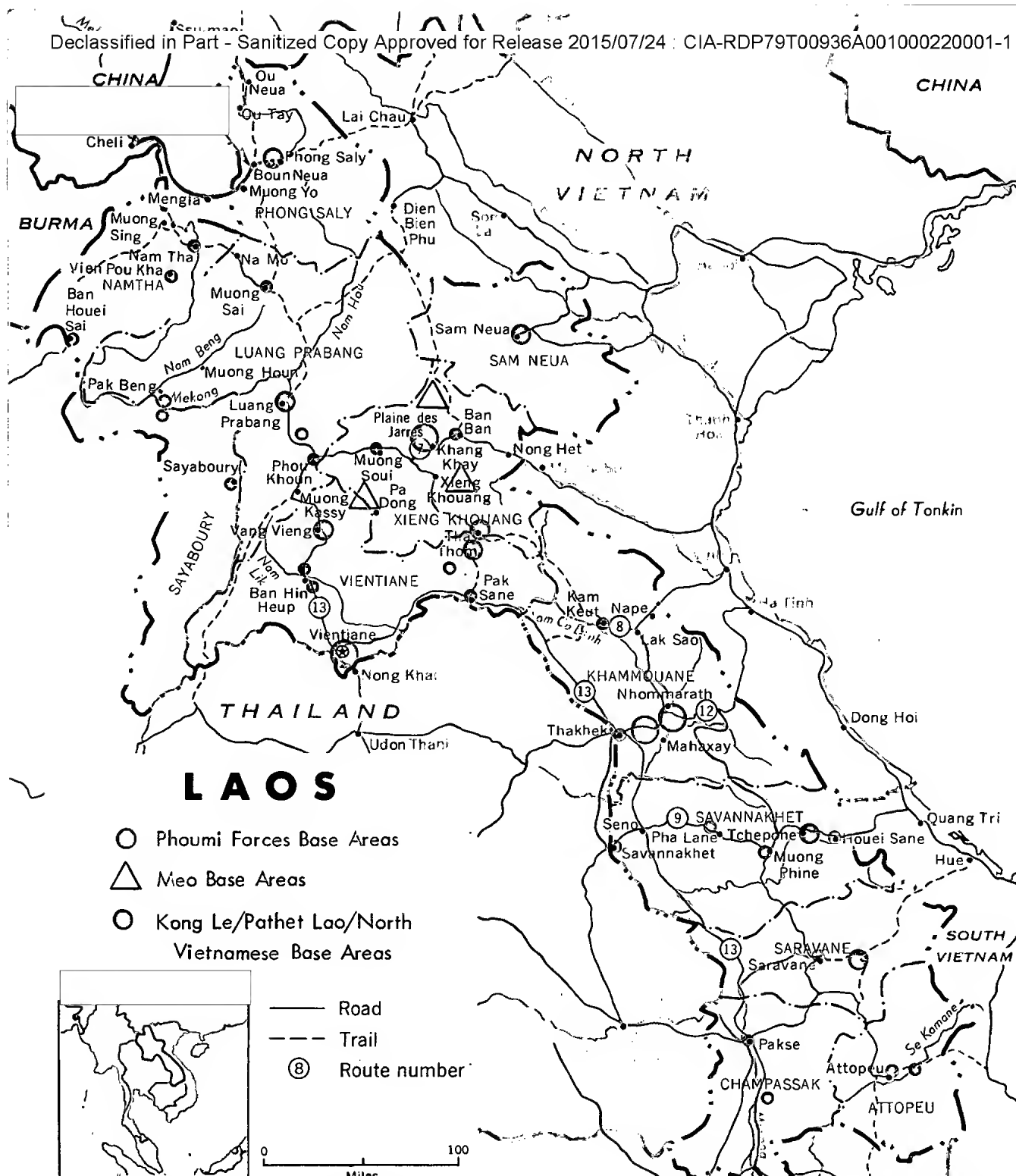
[redacted] division is scheduled to receive "Honest John"-type surface-to-surface missiles before the end of 1962. We are fairly certain that the other satellites have not been equipped with such missiles.

4. Macao - Hong Kong - Taipei

a. Portuguese authorities in Macao expect a formal Chinese Communist protest to follow another bomb explosion on the Chinese side of the border on Tuesday.

b. In Taipei the same day, Ambassador Kirk took up the bombing matter with foreign minister Shen for the second time in less than a fortnight. Shen assured him he would refer it to "appropriate authorities."

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5. Laos

a. Vientiane on Tuesday agreed to establish diplomatic relations with Hungary and Outer Mongolia, raising to six the number of Communist countries recognized in a week's time.

b. Meanwhile, the South Vietnamese ambassador has been recalled to Saigon for "consultations" pending clarification of Laos' relations with Hanoi.

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NOTES

- A. Congo All we have so far about yesterday's skirmish between UN troops and Katangan gendarmes outside Elisabethville are the protests of each side blaming the other for the affair.
- B. Communist China - Pakistan The Chinese Communists are letting it be known in Karachi that they will be reasonable in border negotiations only to the extent that the Pakistanis see things their way on the issue of Chinese representation at the UN.
- C. USSR [REDACTED] 50X11
- D. Ghana-USSR Nkrumah is said to have authorized the early recall of most of the 71 cadets sent to the USSR for training last year. [REDACTED] 50X11  
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Those to remain, however, appear to be the best qualified ones.
- E. Thailand The Thai press is running highly exaggerated stories about increased US military aid to Cambodia, and is emotionally editorializing that the Cambodians might use their newly acquired weapons against Thailand.